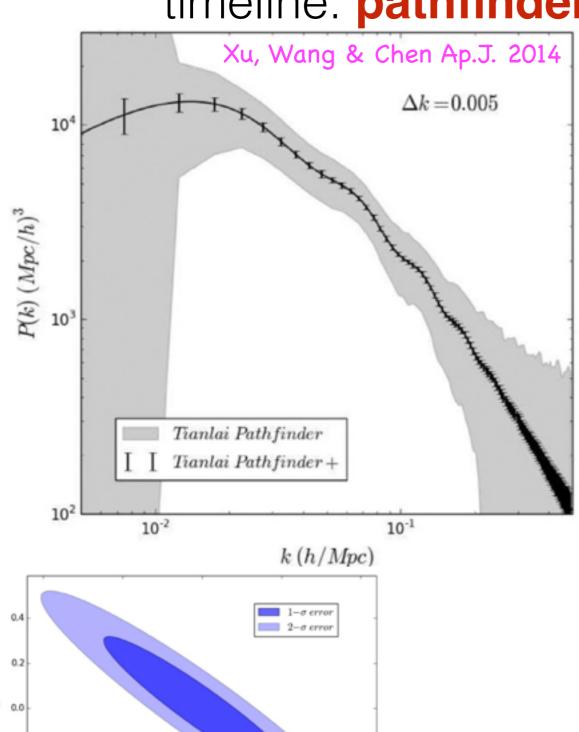
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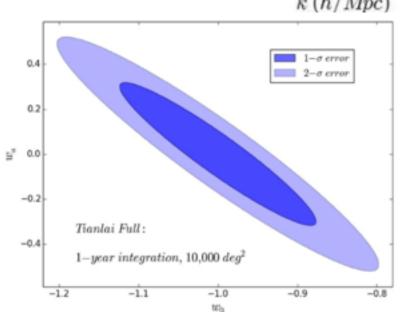
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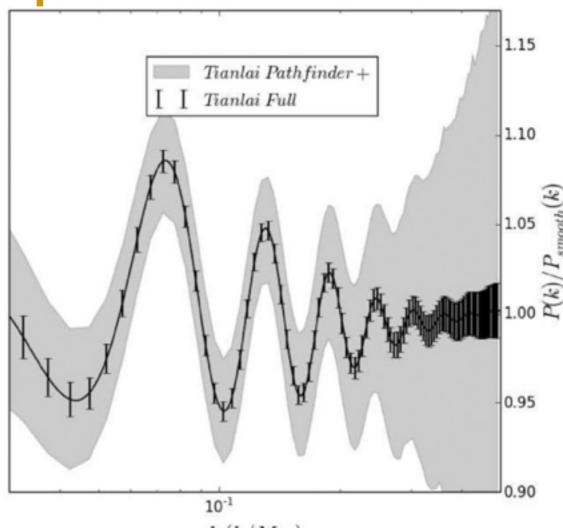


Science Forecast: P[k] & DETF FoM

timeline: pathfinder ⇒ pathfinder+ ⇒ full







k (h/Mpc)pathfinder(+) surveys 50 Gpc³ ~DES

Independent projection: (Bull et al. 2015)

DETF FoM full: 383

compare to Stage IV: 400

DES: 72 (BAO) 264 (total)

Expected Main Result

Demonstration of

Hydrogen

Intensity

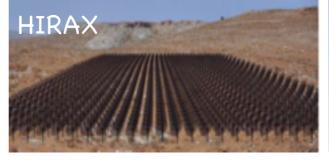
Mapping



for Future Surveys











The Tianlai (Heavenly Sound) Project

Collaboration since 2010

NAOC, Xinjiang Observatory, CETC-54, Institute of Automation, Hangzhou Dianzi U.

LAL/IN2P3 (Ansari, Campagne, Moniez), Obs. Paris (Martin, Colom), IRFU-CEA(Magneville, Yeche)

US: CMU(Peterson), U. Wisconsin (Timbie), Fermilab (Stebbins)

CITA(Pen), KASI (Song), ASIAA(Chang), · · ·

2016 Annual Collaboration Meeting:

next Mon/Tue @ Fermilab

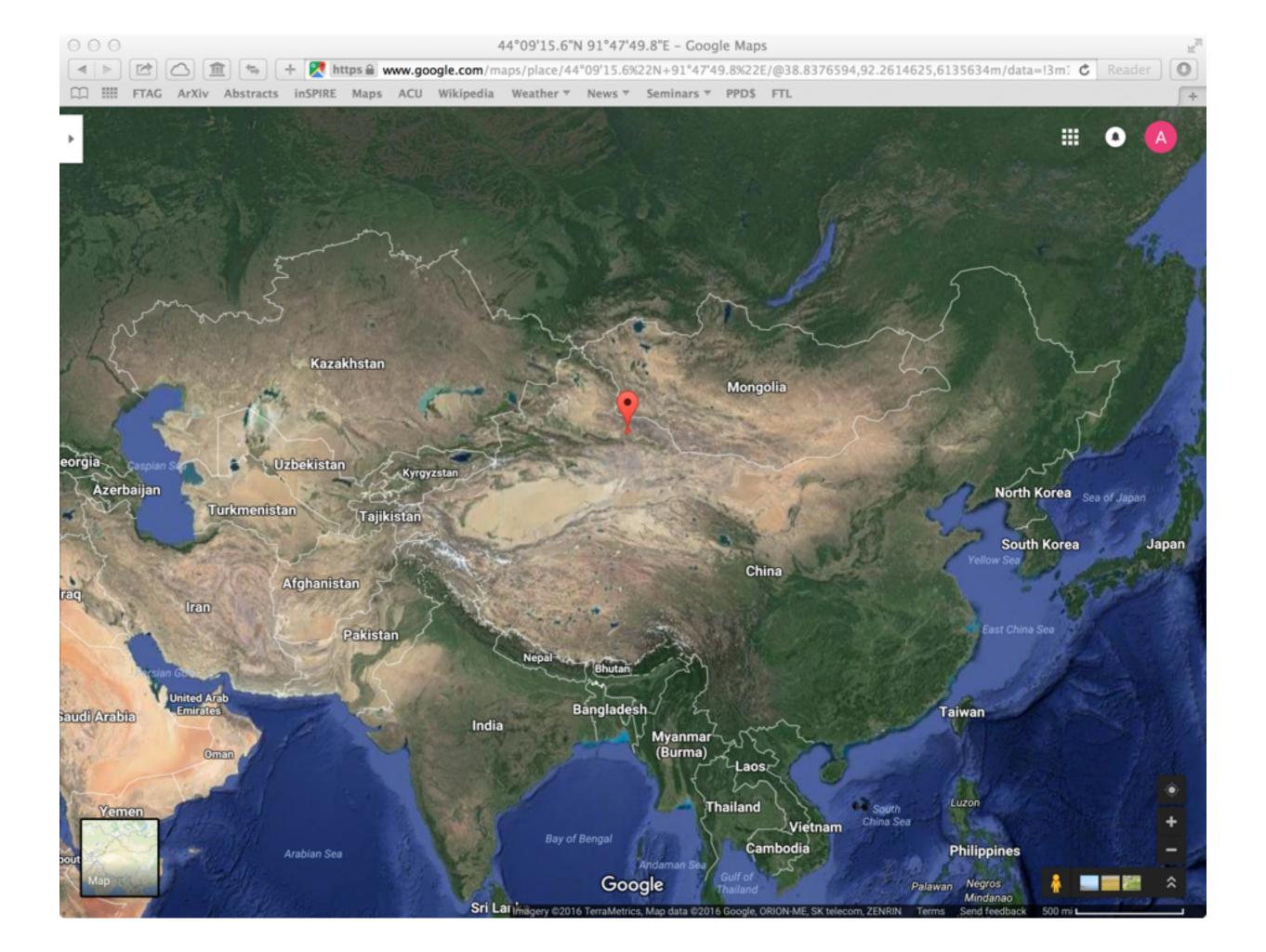
You're invited!

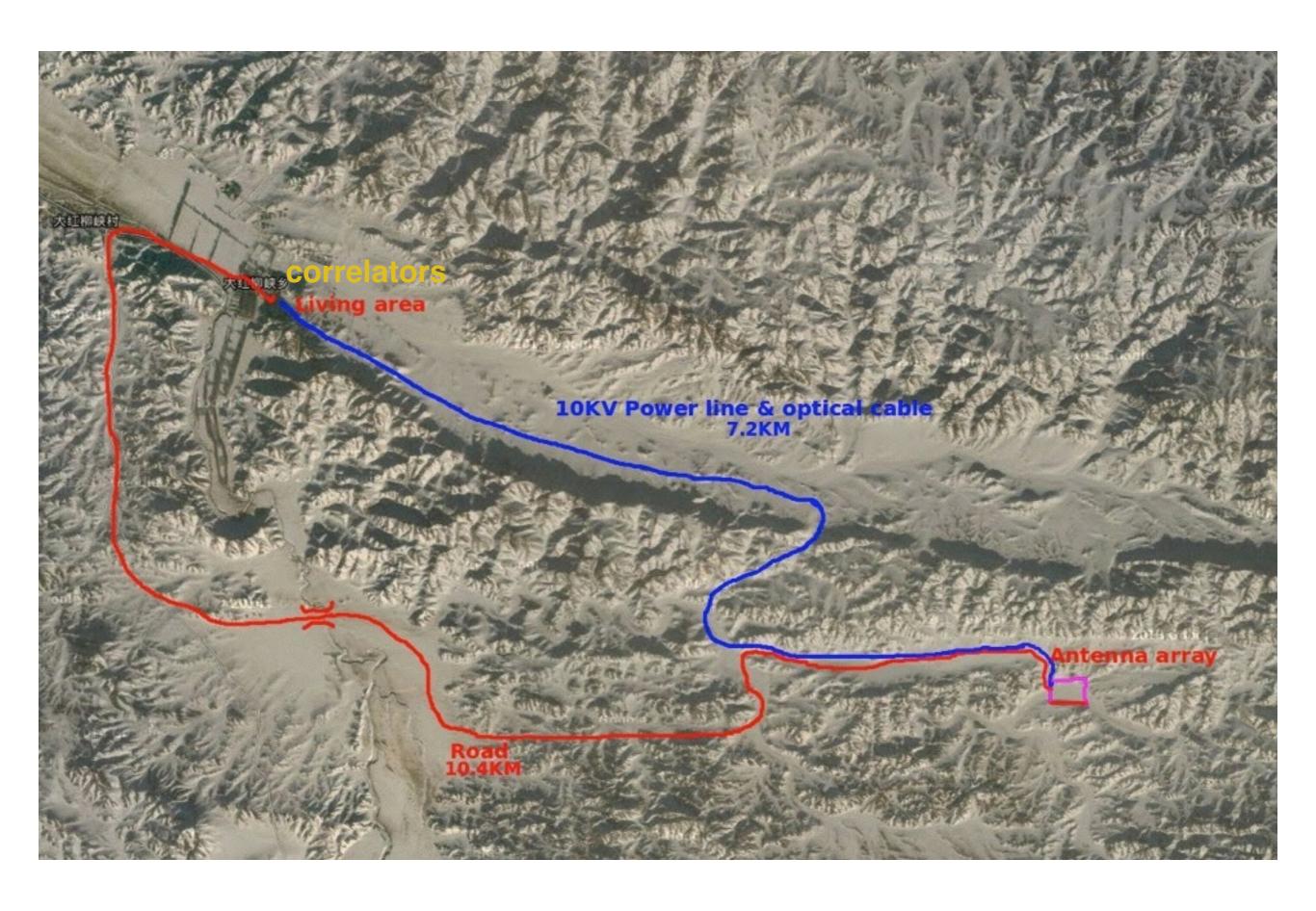






The concept of "tianlai"-- the heavenly sound was coined by ancient Chinese philosopher Zhuang-Zi (Chuang-Tzu, 369BC-286BC)





Tianlai Facility



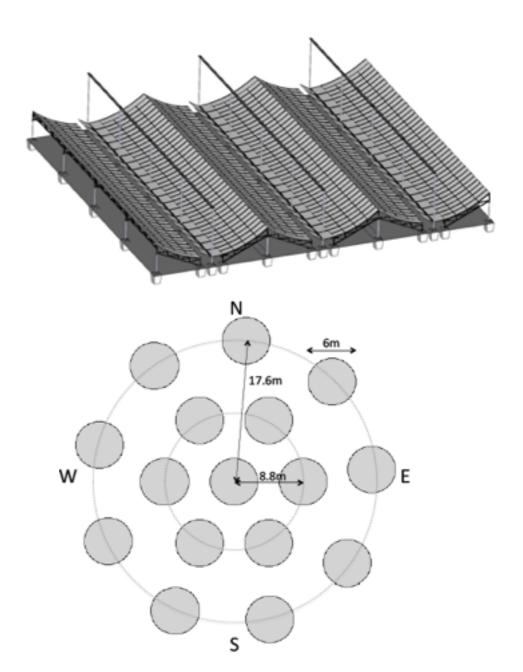




Tianlai Pathfinder Configuration

Pathfinders to demonstrate basic principle and encounter all issues rapidly

- Cylinder Array 3 x 15m x 40m cylinders 96 dual polarization feeds
- **Dish Array** 16 x 6m dishes 16 dual polarization feeds
- Band 700-800MHz (0.77<z<1.3) 1024 channels (δv =100kHz δz =0.0002) tunable in 600-1420MHz
- Pathfinder+ Cylinder Array
 216 dual polarization feeds
- Full Cylinder Array 8 x 15m x 120m 2048 dual polarization feeds 400-1420MHz



Pathfinder Highly Configurable Transit Telescope

Tuneable:

600 < v < 1420Mhz (0<z<1.36) [fixed 100 Mhz bandwidth]

Cylinders:

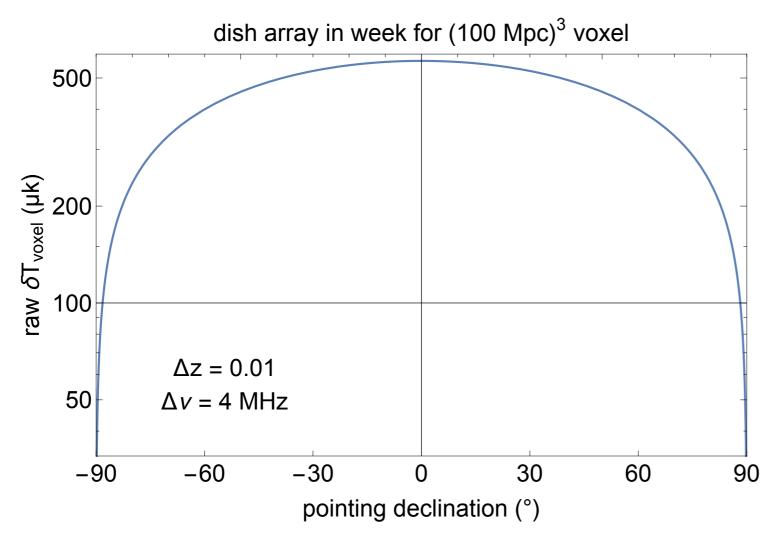
- equal/unequal spacing of feeds on cylinder
- feed placement on cylinders may be same or different
 - redundancy vs broader u-v coverage (less mode mixing)

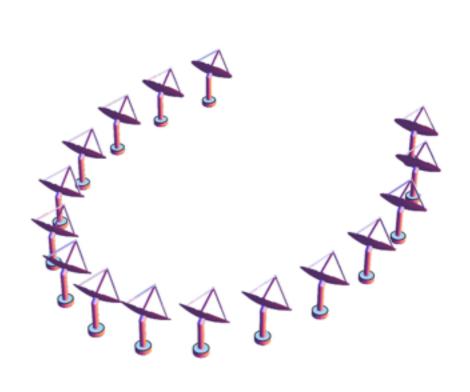
Dishes:

- pointable (no tracking)
- arrangeable in any ground configuration

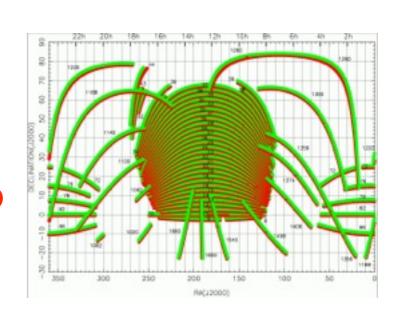
R&D: plan to play with all the knobs

e.g. Dish Array as Polarscope

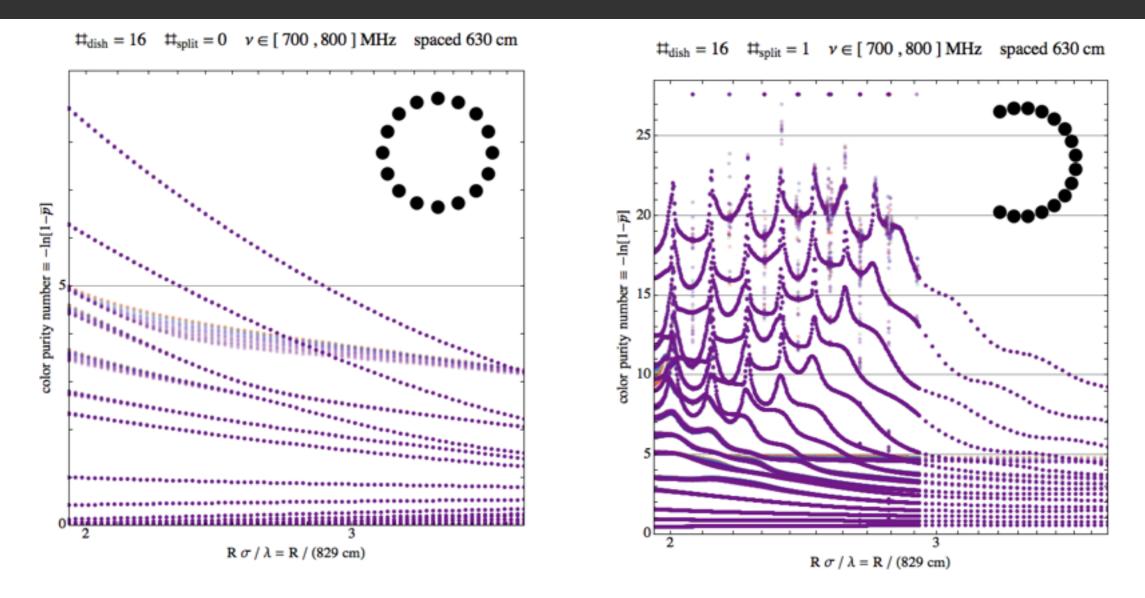




- By pointing disk array toward pole will integrate down to low map noise temperature very rapidly.
- An NCP optical redshift survey to compare to would be extremely useful



e.g. Optimizing Dish Array Design



- By rearranging dish array elements (to within a fraction of λ) one can decrease the amount of mode mixing in synthetic beams by a large amount.
- mode mixing aliasing of angular modes into frequency modes which effects degree one can remove foreground

U.S. Participation

- Currently just 3: Peterson / Stebbins / Timbie
 - collaboration open to new participants
- Support by Funding Agencies:
 - Timbie (PI) / AS recently received NSF-AAG Grant
 - Tianlai Analysis Center
 - storage at FNAL
 - computing: Open Science Grid computing
 - we have a postdoc opening now!
- As with many projects Tianlai is manpower limited

Forecasting and Simulations

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Sky reconstruction from transit visibilities: PAON-4 and Tianlai Dish Array

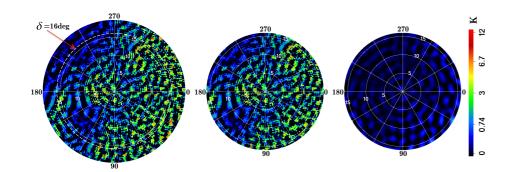
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FORECASTS ON THE DARK ENERGY AND PRIMORDIAL NON-GAUSSIANITY OBSERVATIONS WITH THE TIANLAI CYLINDER ARRAY

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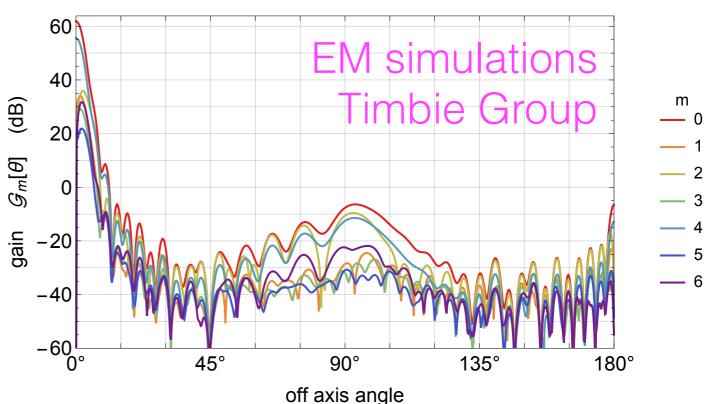
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dishreflector 800MHz



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Timeline

• 2014:

- basic infrastructure: roads, buildings, power, optical fibers
- electronics design

• 2015:

- scientific infrastructure: reflectors finished
- much of electronics installed
- first fringe
- engineering / debugging

• 2016:

- engineering / debugging
- astronomical imaging of bright sources using dish array
- just started scans with cylinders

